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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed with the attached patent application that is a continuation of patent application serial number 09/516,753 filed March 1, 2000 and entitled "FLEXIBLE EXPANDABLE STENT". Prior to examination on the merits of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Kindly cancel claims 1-94 and add claims 95-196.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.